MR A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether after the abolition of that examination the old rules will be brought into effect?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): It is doubtful whether the old rule in its exact wording will be restored. But some rule may come into effect.

Untrained Teachers.

33. ❋ **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of untrained teachers of more than 35 years of age, with their total service and the reason for not giving them training till now?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): *First Part*, Government do not propose to collect the information asked for, as the time and labour involved for collecting the same is out of all proportion to its possible utility.

Second Part. The member is referred to Rule 183 of the Education Code.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): The answer to part (2) says that the member is referred to Rule 183 of the Education Code. With reference to that I wish to make one submission. It is not published in the Rules and Regulations of the Assembly. Education Code is not a book that is supplied to the members of this House.

PRESIDENT: I am told that it is in the Legislative Library.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): If a member refers to a particular volume of a particular book contained in the Legislative Library in the answer on which a supplementary question has to be put, my submission is that such an answer will be utterly inadequate. We will be quite helpless.

PRESIDENT: That is what is done in other Legislatures. The member is referred to Rule 183 of the Education Code which is in the Legislative Library. That is the usual answer which is given in every other recognised Legislature.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): If that is the view of the fact, when we are feeling this difficulty, I request the President to consider this aspect of the question and enable us to have a fuller answer. Precedents may be quoted for all these things. But we must be allowed to have a full opportunity of doing justice to our work.

PRESIDENT: I think there is some purpose to be served in laying these questions and answers on the table some time before the meeting. If you had immediately referred to Rule 183 of the Education Code you could have known what it is.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Probably the Secretary will see to the supply of the proper book.

PRESIDENT: If the member had asked for the book the Secretary would have supplied it.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know what the rule is?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The rule in so many words states that teachers over the age of 35 may not be admitted to the training schools without the special sanction of the Director of Public Instruction.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether it is the fault of the teachers that they are not trained before the age of 35 or whether it is due to the defect of the Department to provide sufficient accommodation for training those who want to get trained?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): In most cases it is not the fault of the teachers. We had not in the past sufficient number of training schools to meet such a large demand.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether these persons are selected for training by the Inspectors or by the Director?

MR. R. M STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): In the case of Vernacular Training Schools, the Inspectors and Inspectresses make the selection. In the case of Secondary Schools the Director of Public Instruction makes the selection.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) May I know whether in view of the fact that it is not the fault of the teachers that they have not been got trained, the Director would amend the rules so as to enable those unfortunate persons who have not got trained before the age of 35 to get themselves trained?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) The situation has to be met by increasing the provision of teaching facilities, and by granting exemptions.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the approximate number of teachers got trained before the former order?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I do not quite follow the question.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the number of teachers got trained after the discontinuance of the former order?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I presume the member means how many teachers are there who are un-trained and who are above the age of 35. I cannot give an accurate figure. They may probably run into thousands.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Are there teachers who are not trained with 16 years of service?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): There are untrained teachers with even 20 years service.

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